

## House Resolution 1102

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Sinkfield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, and Knight of the 126<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness and recognizing January 13,  
2 2010, as Blindness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, established in 1998, the Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness is a  
4 composite of blind and visually impaired individuals, blindness organizations, agencies that  
5 serve the blind, and other interested parties; and

6 WHEREAS, blind and visually impaired Georgians benefit from the advocacy and resource  
7 information provided by the Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness; and

8 WHEREAS, twice a year, people who are blind or visually impaired and other interested  
9 parties gather to collaborate, advocate, and initiate resolutions addressing concerns of the  
10 blind or visually impaired in the areas of provision of services, transportation, employment,  
11 education, and policy; and

12 WHEREAS, the organization's leadership consists of several committed individuals: Alice  
13 Ritchart, Coalition Chairperson, Policy Committee Chairperson, and Chairperson of  
14 Committee; Vice Chairperson McArthur Jarrett; Secretary Kay McGill; Communications  
15 Secretary Stephanie Scott; Employment Committee Chairperson Teresa Brenner;  
16 Employment Committee Chairperson Kim Harrison; Education Committee Chairperson Anil  
17 Lewis; Education Committee Chairperson Kathy Segers; and Robert Smith, Policy  
18 Committee Chairperson and Transportation Committee Chairperson; and

19 WHEREAS, most participants in the coalition have been blind since birth, are deaf-blind, or  
20 are visually impaired and strive to advocate for improved services for the blind; and

21 WHEREAS, the platform derived from the Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness is  
22 invaluable, and it is only proper that this great organization be recognized and honored.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend the Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness for its  
25 great contribution to the citizens of Georgia and its tireless advocacy and work on behalf of  
26 visually impaired Georgians.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Statewide  
29 Coalition on Blindness.